World Bank assisted schemes in the country

1847. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of World Bank assisted schemes which are in operation in the country;

(b) whether the repayment of World Bank loans by the States which have utilized the loans are regular;

(c) if not, the details of the World Bank loan defaulting States; and

(d) the States that have drawn the maximum assistance from the World Bank along with the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As on June 30, 2009 there are 62 World Bank assisted on-going projects in the country.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) In view of the answer in (b), does not arise.

(d) In the last four years (2005-2006 to 2008-2009) the top four States in terms of the utilisation of the World Bank assistance are Karnataka (Rs.2637 Crore), Tamil Nadu (Rs.2339 Crore), Andhra Pradesh (Rs.2069 Crore) and Maharashtra (Rs.1998 Crore).

Implementation of Debt Waiver Scheme

1848. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 is implemented in Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the conditions for waiver of debts of farmers;

(c) what is the position of farmers who had repaid the debt before 29 February, 2008; and

(d) whether the farmers who had repaid the debt before 29 February, 2008 continue to remain under the purview of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 has been implemented throughout the country, including Kerala. The Scheme covered all agricultural loans disbursed by scheduled commercial banks, regional rural banks and cooperative credit institutions during the period April 01, 1997 and up to March 31, 2007 and overdue as on December 31, 2007. For marginal farmers (*i.e.*, holding upto 1 hectare) and small farmers (1-2 hectare), there was a complete waiver of all loans that were overdue on December 31, 2007 and which remained unpaid until February 29, 2008 while in respect of other farmers, there is a One